

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Kouichiro HARA**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **August 31, 2001**

For: **ELECTRONIC LOCKER SYSTEM**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 31, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The electronic locker system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the luggage deposit fee is calculated based upon an actual lapse of time from the depositing process to the taking-out process.

**REMARKS**

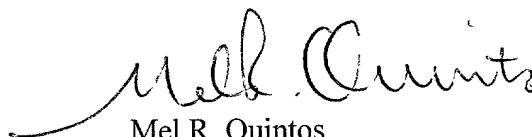
The above amendment to the claims has been made to correct the multiple dependency of the claims and to place the application in better condition for examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The electronic locker system according to any one of claims 1 to ~~6~~ 5, wherein the luggage deposit fee is calculated based upon an actual lapse of time from the depositing process to the taking-out process.